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SUBJECT: ELECTION OF NEW ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL

SUMMARY: ARGENTINE REPRESENTATIVES TO ILO HAVE NOT YET FOCUSED ON QUESTION OF SUCCESSOR TO JENKS. HOWEVER, IN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTATIVES INDICATED ARGENTINA WOULD FAVOR LATIN AMERICAN FOR POSITION. END SUMMARY.

- 1. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, MINLABOR DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MARINELLI, IS PRESENTLY IN GENEVA, AND GOA CONSIDERATION OF JENKS SUCCESSOR IS AWAITING HER MID-NOVEMBER RETURN TO BUENOS AIRES. ONLY INDICATION THUS FAR OF POSSIBLE GOVT POSITION CAME FROM FONMIN SUB-SECRETARY CARASALES, WHO TOLD RETIONAL ILO REP CRESPO THAT EX-ARGENTINE MINLABOR SAN SEBASTIAN "WOULD MAKE AN EXELLENT CANDIDATE". WE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THAT WAS SERIOUS PROPOSAL; HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN BROACHED WITH MINLABOR OR CGT.
- 2. BUSINESS SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE VITAIC TOLD LABATT THAT SAN SEBASTIAN WAS "NOT SUFFICIENTLY INTELLIGENT" FOR THE JOB, AND HE WOULD NOT VOTE FOR HIM EVEN IF HE WERE A CANDIDATE. VITAIC SAID HE BELIEVED A LATIN AMERICAN SHOULD BE NAMED DIRECTOR, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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HE SAID HE COULD SUPPORT VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT CALDERA, BUT THAT

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD HE SUPPORT "SELF-PROMOTED MEXICAN CANDIDATE MUNOZ-LEDO". HE ADDED THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD NOT BE AN ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION, BUT "WOULD ACCEPT THE POSITION AS A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE. IF CALLED UPON".

3. THE LABOR SECTOR DOES NOT HAVE A VOTE IN ILO GOVERNING BODY, BUT THE CGT INTENDS TO CONSULT WITH BOTH GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSURE, IF POSSIBLE, A UNIFIED ARGENTINE POSITION IN THE MATTER. ON THE QUESTION OF SAN SEBASTIAN, A CGT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER TOLD LABATT THAT ARGENTINE LABOR WOULD NOT SUPPORT SAN SEBASTIAN, BUT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT A LA CANDIDATE. HE ADDED THAT THE VIEWS OF BUSINESS SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE VITAIC WOULD BE GIVEN "FULL CONSIDERATION" IN VIEW OF HIS ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERTIZE IN THE MATTER. LODGE

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